

PROJECT STATUS REPORT				REPORTING PERIOD April 1953	
1. CRYPTONYM		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH		3. COUNTRY	
a. Program	b. Project			Target	Base
	PGFLEND	SE-1		Albania	Greece
4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED					
		22 June 1948			
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER		ROOM NO.	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	
		1311-J	8366		
6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT					
7. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATING					
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED		O/S	U.S.	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE	
U.S. - - - - -		23	15		
FOREIGN NAT'L - - - - -		63	2		
TOTAL		86	17		
10. FY OBLIGATIONS TO DATE					
11. Summary					

During April W/T contact was maintained with the 5-man Apple Team, which remained at a safe base in the Bulqiz area. A resupply and body drop to this team on 29 April was aborted due to overcast at the drop zone. Northwest of Berat the mission sighted AA bursts which appeared to be light or medium calibre 2 miles from the aircraft. Also sighted was a fully lighted aircraft 1,000 feet below which was on the same course but apparently unaware of the covert aircraft.

Arrangements were completed for the movement to Athens of two men selected by Zog to act as leaders of teams which will be infiltrated during the 1953 operational season.

Work on the island training site near Athens, which was commenced on 13 March, continued throughout April.

Messrs. Abas Kupa, Abas Ermenji and Said Kryeziu who are members of the Military Junta of the NCFA, visited the Albanian Guard Company in Germany during the week of 23 March.

The regular thrice daily broadcast schedule, with minor time changes, was maintained by the covert radio located near Athens. New 2500 watt transmitters were installed and are now being used in broadcasting one of the morning programs. These transmitters are several times more powerful than the former ones and it is hoped their use will make the broadcasts clearly audible in Albania. They should also make possible "phantom broadcasts". Since it was evident from Apple Team reports and from the monitoring at Brindisi that the aerial transmission of the clandestine radio broadcasts was not audible in Albania, these broadcasts were discontinued in March.

The NCFA semi-monthly newspaper Shqipëria was printed in Rome on schedule. 50,000 copies of the miniature edition were printed and sent to Athens for use in air drops over Albania.

The Albanian News Bulletin, which is printed irregularly in Rome in English, French and Italian, published its 16th issue on 20 March.

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